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THREE DEFENDANTS CHARGED IN ARMED BANK ROBBERY

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that two men and a woman were charged in federal court today with robbing Blue Ridge Bank and Trust Company earlier this month.

Robert L. Voss, 21, **Johnny R. Doss**, 25, and **Kiesha E. Buie**, 20, all of Kansas City, Mo., were charged in a federal criminal complaint filed in U.S. District Court in Kansas City.

Today's criminal complaint alleges that all three co-defendants, armed with shotguns, stole \$8,772 from Blue Ridge Bank and Trust Company, 4315 Sterling Rd. in Kansas City, Mo., on Jan. 4, 2006.

According to an affidavit filed in support of the criminal complaint, **Voss** confronted two employees as they arrived or work that morning and forced his way into the bank, using a walkie talkie to notify **Doss** and **Buie** to leave their hiding place and enter the bank. The tellers told the armed robbers that they couldn't open the safe, the affidavit says, and led them to their teller drawers. While one of the clerks bent over to attempt to open a small safe where their teller drawers were located, the affidavit says, **Voss** hit her in the head with the back of his hand.

The affidavit says the robbers ordered the tellers to lie on the floor as they left the bank, stealing one of the tellers' cars, which was later abandoned in Raytown, Mo.

On Jan. 5, 2006, after surveillance photographs had been broadcast by local media, an anonymous tip was received by Greater Kansas City Crimestoppers. Law enforcement officers investigated that tip, the affidavit says, arresting **Voss** and **Doss** on Saturday. **Voss**, who was wearing a wig at the time of his arrest, was arrested at the Kansas City Greyhound Station.

Graves cautioned that the charge contained in the complaint is simply an accusation, and

not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charge must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney K. Michael Warner. It was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at
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